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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
3 EASTERN DIVISION

4	MYLA NAUMAN, JANE ROLLER, and)	
	MICHAEL LOUGHERY,)	
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5	Plaintiffs,)	
)	
6	vs.)	No. 04 C 7199
)	
7	ABBOTT LABORATORIES and)	Judge Gettleman
	HOSPIRA, INC.,)	
8)	
	Defendants.)	

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10 The deposition of GRICE WILLIAMS, taken

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12 pursuant to notice and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

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14 for the United States District Courts, reported by Susan

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18 within and for the County of Cook and State of Illinois, at

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1 (Witness sworn.)
 2 GRICE WILLIAMS
 3 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
 4 follows:
 5 DIRECT EXAMINATION
 6 BY MR. AMADEO:
 7 Q Good mornings, Mr. Williams. My name is Mark
 8 Amadeo and I represent the plaintiffs in the matter of
 9 Nauman versus Abbott Laboratories and I'll be asking you
 10 questions today. If you don't understand a question, let
 11 me know and I'll try to rephrase it.
 12 When you give a response to a yes and no
 13 question, I'd ask that you answer yes or no instead of
 14 nodding or saying uh-huh or un-huh 'cause those answers
 15 obviously don't get picked up well on a transcript.
 16 If you need to take a break, let me know and
 17 I will try to accommodate you. If we're in the middle of a
 18 question, I'm going to ask that you finish answering the
 19 question before we take a break.
 20 Do you understand that you'll be giving
 21 testimony under oath today?
 22 A Yes.
 23 Q And do you understand that if you don't answer
 24 truthfully to my questions, you can subject yourself to the
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1 penalties of perjury?
 2 A Yes.
 3 Q Do you understand that those penalties would apply
 4 if you answer that you don't remember the answer to a
 5 question when in fact you do remember?
 6 A First I've heard of that, but yes.
 7 Q And do you understand that the penalties apply if
 8 you answer that you can't remember the answer to a question
 9 when in fact you do remember the answer to a question?
 10 A Yes.
 11 Q Are you taking any medication that impairs your
 12 memory?
 13 A No.
 14 Q Do you have a medical condition that impairs your
 15 memory?
 16 A No.
 17 Q Any reason why you won't be answering truthfully
 18 to the questions that I ask today?
 19 A No.
 20 Q Are you a college graduate?
 21 A Yes.
 22 Q Which college did you graduate from?
 23 A Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.
 24 Q And when did you graduate from Lincoln University?
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1 items related to the transition, not just benefits.
 2 BY MR. AMADEO:
 3 Q The attachments that are e-mailed, that are
 4 included in this e-mail, what are they just generally? Are
 5 these...

6 MR. TORRES: Objection.

7 BY MR. AMADEO:

8 Q If you can answer.

9 MR. TORRES: Objection to the form of the
 10 question, it's vague. It's also compound.

11 Go ahead and answer if you can.

12 THE WITNESS: These are questions that came from
 13 employees that are about any number of things related to
 14 their situations and questions about transition. As I
 15 glance through these, these appear to be all retirement
 16 related. But I haven't read each one of these. I just
 17 glanced at them. But they appear to be from different
 18 employees.

19 BY MR. AMADEO:

20 Q And these attachments, are they, how would these
 21 employees submit their questions? Would they e-mail them?

22 MR. TORRES: Objection, foundation.

23 Go ahead and answer if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: Mm-hm, yeah. That's what this was.
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1 This was an e-mail that went into this mailbox.

2 MR. AMADEO: Okay.

3 THE WITNESS: That was the question and they
 4 basically sorted out what is this question, do I know the
 5 answer to this question or should I refer it to someone
 6 else. And remember, they were on more than just benefit
 7 items so this person was directing them to wherever they
 8 thought they might get a response.

9 BY MR. AMADEO:

10 Q And that person you're referring to, is that
 11 Tareta who was directing the questions to you, is that
 12 correct?

13 A Right.

14 Q Do you know if there was a manager who oversaw
 15 this process of collecting questions from the mailbox and
 16 then directing them to you or others?

17 MR. TORRES: Objection, foundation.

18 Go ahead and answer if you can.

19 THE WITNESS: No, I do not know. I never had any
 20 interaction with a manager.

21 BY MR. AMADEO:

22 Q If you wouldn't mind turning to A021246, you see
 23 that? It's a question I believe that was submitted by Judy
 24 Davis.

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1 Do you see that?

2 A Mm-hm.

3 Q This is a question and I'll paraphrase it, about
 4 whether Ms. Davis's pension benefits will be the same if
 5 she retires from the new company in 2008 compared to if she
 6 retired from Abbott in 2008.

7 Do you recall whether you answered her
 8 question?

9 A No, I do not. I do not recall. That's what I
 10 meant to say.

11 Q You received questions from other employees asking
 12 about their pension benefits at the new company, right?

13 A Correct.

14 Q I mean there were several, is that right?

15 A Correct.

16 Q And is it fair to say that employees were
 17 concerned about what their benefits would be at the new
 18 company?

19 MR. TORRES: Objection. It calls for speculation
 20 as to what other people felt.

21 Go ahead and answer if you can.

22 THE WITNESS: We did get a number of questions on
 23 retirement benefits and what would happen with retirement
 24 benefits and what Hospira might do with their retirement
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1 program, okay? So concern, questions, certainly.

2 BY MR. AMADEO:

3 Q And, in fact, Ms. Tareta said to you, in her
 4 e-mail she says:

5 As expected, most of these focus on
 6 retirement benefits.

7 MR. TORRES: I'm sorry.

8 MR. AMADEO: It's the first page, A021241.

9 MR. TORRES: Oh, I'm sorry. Objection to the form
 10 of the question. It's argumentative.

11 Go ahead and answer if you can.

12 BY MR. AMADEO:

13 Q That's what she said, isn't that right?

14 A I lost the question. Would you restate the
 15 question?

16 Q Could you read it back, please.

17 (The record was read.)

18 MR. TORRES: The document speaks for itself and
 19 it's argumentative.

20 But go ahead and answer if you can.

21 THE WITNESS: Still, what's the question?

22 BY MR. AMADEO:

23 Q Well, in fact, at this time did most of the
 24 questions regarding benefits, were they concerning

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1 savings opportunities and our total benefits plan.

2 Q Was --

3 A Now, as I recall the request came later, but I
4 don't recall a specific time 'cause this was a hurry up.
5 This was a big project in a short period of time.

6 Q This project, was that in the fall of 2002?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q When Mr. Fussell commissioned, strike that. Did
9 you have a conversation with Mr. Fussell about this
10 project?

11 A Oh sure.

12 Q Okay. And what did he say about the project when
13 you had your conversation?

14 A Look at all aspects of our benefit plans. Look at
15 alternatives, figure out opportunities for redesign, put
16 them on the table and let's have a discussion about them.

17 Q Were the opportunities for redesign, they were for
18 the purposes of achieving cost savings, is that it?

19 A Yes. Yes, they were.

20 Q Before this project, had Mr. Fussell or anyone at
21 Abbott asked you to prepare a package for Mr. White
22 outlining cost saving alternatives?

23 MR. TORRES: Ever?

24 MR. AMADEO: Yes.

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1 came out of that.

2 BY MR. AMADEO:

3 Q The board meeting that you're referring to is a
4 meeting by the Abbott board of directors, is that right?

5 A Right.

6 Q Was there a discussion with Mr. Fussell that you
7 had about this board meeting?

8 A Not about the board meeting itself as much as the
9 challenge, the direction of the project.

10 Q Who told you about the board meeting?

11 A Fussell.

12 Q Did he explain to you that the, or did you ever
13 hear that the board meeting had a revolt over the rising
14 benefit costs?

15 A No. Not the term revolt over rising benefit
16 costs, no.

17 Q What was your, what did Mr. Fussell tell you about
18 that board meeting?

19 A He told me that there was discussion of the
20 benefit cost. He told me that there was discussion around
21 the annuity retirement plan.

22 We went through a hiatus a number of years
23 where we did not have to make any contribution to the
24 benefit plan and to the pension plan we had to make
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1 THE WITNESS: Ever? Every year we are challenged
2 in some way to deliver our benefits more efficiently and
3 virtually every year we put, presented some kind of package
4 to Mr. White. But the year before that were we asked to do
5 a cost savings projection on all of our benefits? No. But
6 we have been asked to look at certain benefits. We are
7 always in a redesign mode.

8 BY MR. AMADEO:

9 Q And you said that this was a hurry-up project,
10 this particular project that Mr. Fussell approached you
11 about in 2002.

12 Do you understand why it was a hurry-up
13 project?

14 MR. TORRES: Objection, foundation. Calls for
15 speculation.

16 THE WITNESS: I can answer?

17 MR. TORRES: Sorry. Go ahead and answer.

18 THE WITNESS: Yeah. This bigger project I'm
19 recalling is really coming out following a board meeting
20 following kind of a review of financials, where we stand,
21 projections, that sort of thing. And they are looking at
22 benefit cost and benefit costs rising fairly rapidly and
23 they are creating some concern about, gee, we've got to
24 figure out ways to slow this. So this came, this really

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1 contributions, and then the future cost profile of that
2 plan was going up and there was discussion at the board
3 meeting about other companies restructuring their benefits
4 and had Abbott been looking at its benefits.

5 And so we were concerned were we on top of
6 it, did we know where we were going to go, are our benefits
7 correct and there's a need to slow down the trend in the
8 cost increase.

9 Q Did Mr. Fussell talk to you in his discussions
10 about the board meeting about the possibility of converting
11 the annuity retirement plan to a cash balance plan?

12 MR. TORRES: I'm sorry. Can you read that back?

13 (The record was read.)

14 MR. TORRES: Thank you.

15 You can answer, Grice.

16 THE WITNESS: Not as direct as that. He, cash
17 balance plan was mentioned by him as one of the
18 alternatives to look at, but it wasn't that we want to lock
19 in on the cash balance plan. I think, my recollection it
20 was more in the context of some other firms are doing this.
21 Is there any, you know, we need to say something about it.

22 But, no, it wasn't that they had a big
23 discussion on cash balance plans, no. That didn't, that's
24 not the way it came back to me.

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1 A This slide basically depicts that at age 50 when
2 you really are first eligible for retirement benefit the
3 accrual jumps way up, no big surprise. And at age 55, no
4 big surprise, change in formula.

5 Q And those jumps occur because of the enhancement
6 to early retirement benefits at those ages, is that right?

7 A Yeah. It has to do with plan design, the way the
8 plan is designed. When you're eligible, eligibility points
9 for a particular benefit.

10 Q Was there a reaction to these jumps in the
11 accruals at these ages?

12 A No. No, there wasn't other than, oh, okay, that's
13 a way of depicting it. Everyone understood that this is
14 just the portrayal of it. So, no, it didn't get any...

15 Q Can we go ahead and mark that.

16 (Williams Deposition Exhibit No. 18
17 was marked for identification.)

18 BY MR. AMADEO:

19 Q Mr. Williams, you've been handed exhibit 18 which
20 is numbered X002643 through X002681 and for the record it's
21 also Moreland exhibit 8.

22 Do you recall receiving an e-mail from Mary
23 Moreland on February 5, 2003 with the attachment that is
24 included in this e-mail that's titled Benefit Board of
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1 Q You didn't sit on the benefit board of review, did
2 you?

3 A No, I did not. I did not. And I did not attend
4 every benefit board of review meeting. There were select
5 meetings that I attended.

6 Q If you wouldn't mind going to X002656.

7 A Okay.

8 Q It's actually, there's a chart there and it
9 states, number 1: Reduce benefit program costs in the
10 short-and-long term. And then there's a bullet point:
11 Abbott wants to significantly reduce and
12 better control retirement and other
13 benefit costs.

14 Is that your understanding of one of Abbott's
15 objectives during this time frame with regard to its
16 benefits?

17 A As I read this today, I'm not sure I would have
18 phrased it in this way. What I'm taking an exception to is
19 "significantly reduce." Really the focus was to reduce
20 future expense and lower the trend rate. So I would
21 rephrase it today but, you know, we're picking at semantics
22 of words.

23 Q That was a goal?

24 A Right.

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1 Review, Abbott Laboratories, February 5, 2003?

2 A Yes, I do.

3 Q Did you attend a meeting on February 5, 2003 with
4 Mary Moreland?

5 A Yes. Yes. This was the board of review meeting I
6 referenced earlier.

7 Q And do you recall who else was present at that
8 meeting?

9 A No, not specifically. Steve would have -- no, not
10 specifically. If you gave me a list I could tell you,
11 yeah, I remember them being there. But...

12 Q Do you recall whether at there Benefit Board of
13 Review meeting there were decisions about changing either
14 the retirement medical plan or the annuity retirement plan?

15 A This wasn't, I don't believe, the final final
16 meeting. I think this was an update and a discussion and
17 kind of a here's the path we are on. Continue on or not.
18 I believe that was the nature of this meeting.

19 So with regard to decisions, there were
20 indications or alternative agreement that we like this
21 direction. But this was not final final, if I recall.

22 Q You're not --

23 A After I looked at the material I could tell you.
24 It would come back to me.

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1 MR. LIGUORI: What was a goal? I object to the
2 question.

3 BY MR. AMADEO:

4 Q To lower the trend rates in terms of costs.

5 A Right.

6 Q Benefit costs.

7 A Right.

8 Q And reduce future expenses with regard to
9 benefits.

10 A Correct. Correct.

11 Q If you skip to the next page, this is number 2 and
12 it's titled, it's a chart titled Provide A Competitive
13 Benefit Package. The first bullet point there says:

14 Abbott wants to provide an overall benefit
15 package that is in the 50th percentile
16 measured against a strong core of
17 pharmaceutical companies.

18 Is that your understanding of where Abbott
19 wanted to be in terms of its overall benefit package?

20 MR. TORRES: Objection, lacks foundation. It
21 assumes facts.

22 But you can answer, I'm sorry.

23 THE WITNESS: And the answer is yes, 50th
24 percentile is one way of stating it. We've also stated

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1 competitive against average, yes.
 2 BY MR. AMADEO:
 3 Q Two pages after that for the record it's on
 4 X002659. Number 4: Do Not Subsidize Early Retirement.
 5 Do you see that?
 6 A Yes.
 7 Q The first bullet point states:
 8 Currently, Abbott's pension and retiree
 9 health benefits encourage early retirement
 10 through heavy employer subsidies.
 11 The next says:
 12 Future designs will not preclude early
 13 retirement but will minimize or eliminate
 14 the subsidies.
 15 Is it your understanding that was another
 16 goal in terms of Abbott's benefits?
 17 MR. TORRES: Objection, assumes facts.
 18 Go ahead and answer if you can.
 19 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 20 MR. AMADEO: Go ahead and mark this.
 21 (Williams Deposition Exhibit No. 19
 22 was marked for identification.)
 23 BY MR. AMADEO:
 24 Q Mr. Williams, you've been handed exhibit 19. It
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1 is a document entitled Finalize Design Recommendations and
 2 DB Transition Approaches.
 3 Do you see that?
 4 A Yes.
 5 Q For the record, exhibit 19 is X012058 through
 6 X012105. It's also been marked previously as Wagner
 7 exhibit 7.
 8 Do you recall attending a meeting on March
 9 26, 2003 with Lois Lourie, Bill Preece and others in which
 10 this was presented, this document?
 11 A Yes.
 12 Q If you wouldn't mind skipping to X0102094, there
 13 is a couple of notes on that page. Again, these are notes
 14 that were taken by Mr. Wagner.
 15 A By Wagner?
 16 Q That's right.
 17 A Okay.
 18 Q The first note on that page is: Grice..., and I
 19 can't make out the rest of the next word, but the next word
 20 after that is o-b-j which appears to be the abbreviation
 21 for objective. Goes on to say: ...don't negative impact
 22 current employees. Then in quotations: Make it look good.
 23 You see that?
 24 A Yes, I do.
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1 MR. TORRES: I'm going to object to form. O-b-j
 2 can mean object too, but if you want to assume objective
 3 for the purpose of your question.... Otherwise I object,
 4 it mischaracterizes the document.
 5 MR. AMADEO: Let's not make any assumptions of
 6 that document. Let's go on to the last half of that line:
 7 Don't negatively impact current employees
 8 - "make it look good."
 9 Let's focus on that.
 10 Do you recall making a statement about not
 11 negatively impacting current employees and then making it
 12 look good?
 13 A No, I don't recall making this statement, no.
 14 Q Okay.
 15 A No.
 16 Q Go ahead and mark that, please.
 17 (Williams Deposition Exhibit No. 20
 18 was marked for identification.)
 19 BY MR. AMADEO:
 20 Q Mr. Williams, you have just been handed exhibit
 21 20, which is numbered HEW001986 through HEW001988. It is
 22 an e-mail from Ms. Moreland to Chuck Fischer and others at
 23 Hewitt Associates dated April 17, 2003. It has also been
 24 previously marked as Moreland exhibit 15.
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1 There is a reference in Ms. Moreland's e-mail
 2 to a meeting in her introduction in this e-mail. I'll just
 3 read it. It says:
 4 I met yesterday with Miles White, Rick
 5 Gonzalez, Greg Linder, Bill Preece, Tom
 6 Wascoe, Grice Williams, Steve Fussell and
 7 Lois Lourie to discuss the Abbott
 8 retirement program alternatives.
 9 Do you recall meeting with Ms. Moreland and
 10 the other individuals mentioned in this e-mail to discuss
 11 the Abbott retirement program alternatives on April 16,
 12 2003?
 13 A Yes.
 14 Q Okay. And as far as you recall, were the
 15 individuals that she listed in attendance at that meeting?
 16 A Yes.
 17 Q If you go to the second page, the first bullet
 18 point, it says: He -- it's the second sentence of the first
 19 bullet point. It says: He..., and I believe it refers to
 20 Mr. White, Miles White?
 21 A I'm sorry. Oh, I've got it. He really
 22 embraced...
 23 Q He really embraced the concept that the
 24 plan was overly rich, and I think he would
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Mental Note: Consulting in tandem with TP is painful!

I met yesterday with Steve Fussell, Lois Lourie, Lesli Marasco, and Grice Williams from Abbott and Tom Kuhlman and Dave Osterndorf from TP to discuss the most recent retiree medical design project. Lois presented this material as well as two alternatives built from these options.



0127Abbott Retiree Health Care Alternatives.r

Option 1-- Modifications to Current Structure

1. Change eligibility to 55/10; grandfather current employees age 45 and older; increase spousal contributions by 20% of total cost
- 2c. Eliminate coverage for new hires
- 3a. For pre-65 retirees, offer only one PPO plan
- 4b. For post-65 retirees, offer a drug-only plus a Medicare Supplement plan

Option 2 -- Fundamental Structural Changes

1. Change eligibility to 55/10; grandfather current employees age 45 and older; increase spousal contributions by 20% of total cost
2. For employees under age 45, create a flat-dollar benefit that accrues beginning at age 45; apply interest to the flat dollar benefit so that it "feels" like an account

Summary of Our Discussion

Steve repeatedly stressed the need for a **FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT SET POINT** for the cost of the benefit programs. We need to make sure that we convey this to the working team for the retirement program redesign too.

Based on our discussions, the group recommended Option 2.

Our discussion included:

- Steve: Do you realize that we're within five years of socialized medicine in this country?

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Mary Moreland

- Steve: Don't try to replicate what we have now. Anticipate the future. For example, we'll have a medicare prescription drug benefit by July and we don't want to set credits for this flat-dollar benefit without taking that into account.
- Steve: Why can't we find a decent funding vehicle for the flat dollar account?
- Steve and Lois had quite an exchange about how one would access care under the account-based plan scenario. Lois wanted to continue to self-insure. Steve was ADAMANT that they get out of the insurance business. They would provide the dollars and arrange for a plan through an insurance company. Dave Osterndorf stressed that this would be less efficient. Steve stressed that he just didn't care.
- Steve's goal is to be at the 25th percentile for BI (when compared to other pharmas).
- Steve very much wants us to be able to show the impact of changes in plan "features" on the BI results. Can we do this with BI modeler?
- The changes need to be announced in the first quarter of 2003. That feels very soon given how much specificity there is around the design.

Why the Hurry?

The issue that we're grappling with is that Steve has committed to delivering \$20 million in savings during Q1 of 2003. Some changes in another benefit program will deliver \$9.2 million. He was counting on the changes in the postretirement medical plan to deliver the other \$10.8 million. But in order to book those savings in Q1, they need to be communicated during Q1.

Steve was clearly not inclined to announce the changes to the postretirement medical program in Q1 and then later in the year announce changes to the pension plan, 401(k), etc. So his preference was to try to avoid the announcements if at all possible. As we talked, we concluded that since the change in the eligibility saves \$10.5 million, his savings goal could be achieved (almost) by just the change in the other benefit program plus this one change in the eligibility for postretirement medical. That buys some time to look at the changes to the retirement program (DB, DC, and retiree health) together and announce them together.

So they will *announce that eligibility for the postretirement medical plan is changing from 50/10 to 55/10 for all employees not age 45 on 12/31/2003 in the first quarter. They will also likely say that "further changes to the programs are being considered."*

Next Steps

Grice will convene a meeting of the Benefit Board of Review for early February. At that meeting, we will present the change in eligibility with age 45+ grandfathered as a "done deal." We will also want to present the other alternatives and the impact on costs for 2003 - 2007. Steve wants the meeting to be more a "status update" than a session to decide on specific alternatives.

Here are the alternatives we need to focus on:

1. Change eligibility to 55/10; grandfather age 45+; eliminate coverage for new hires (have this one for 2003 and 2004 but need the later years) *Need to make sure that we can support the \$10.5 million that we promised in December for this one because Tebbetts will want to book 25% of that in Q1 of 2003. Were we conservative? Could we make that number more like \$10.8 million to achieve Steve's goal?*
2. #1 above plus increase spousal contributions by 20% of total cost (have this one for 2003 and 2004 but need the later years)

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3. #1 above but increase spousal contributions by 20% for all actives (grandfathered and not grandfathered)
4. #1 above but increase spousal contributions by 20% for all actives and non-grandfathered retirees (post-87 retirees)
5. When looking at 1-4, make sure that we have enough information that we can come back and change to a post-65 drug only plan and get the cost impact for that as well
6. Fixed dollar benefit (this one needs more fleshing out but assume for now that it's a \$6,000 per year benefit that begins accumulating at age 45; assume that allocations earn 5% interest and you can access the benefit at age 55/10 or later; no spousal benefit unless death occurs after retirement age)

Do we treat this as a curtailment? Dave Osterndorf said yesterday at the meeting that the answer is yes. I said that I wanted to dig into it more. In the Q&A's for FAS 106, Q #30, Example 5 seems to be on point. It looks like we create a negative plan amendment for the APBO reduction for those under age 45 but then we do recognize some UPSC. So it seems to me to be "sort of" a curtailment.
CHUCK: Can you please dig into this further?

How do we value this plan? It seems that we would just start our accruals at age 45. That feels a little strange to me, but it seems consistent with FAS 106. CHUCK: Could you please do some digging into this as well?

Our Opportunity

Since this project seems to be dove-tailing into what we're doing on retirement, how can we capitalize on this and become "the" health care consultant at Abbott?

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EXHIBIT 5

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Benefit Board of Review

Abbott Laboratories

February 5, 2003

→ Subsidy costs

→ Healthy cost increases for
strong plans

Meredith



Agenda

- Retiree Health Care Changes
 - Recommendation and Alternatives
 - Timing for Announcement
 - FAS 106 Recognition
- Other Benefit Program Changes
 - Current Costs
 - Objectives and Guiding Principles
 - Project Status

Over 50% lower set point and drop LRP

Retiree Health Care Changes—Recommendation

P & L Impact (\$ millions)

Category	Alternative	2003	2004	Implications
Immediate Savings	Change eligibility from 50/10 to 55/10 for employees under age 45	\$ (10.8)	\$ (12.0)	Baseline reduced; no impact on trend.

From average expense to new plan (1.2)

Decisions (in order of preference):

1. Delay announcement and combine with additional cost saving design changes in Q2 2003?
2. Announce eligibility change and the possibility of further changes in Q1 2003; book savings; announce additional changes later in 2003?
3. Announce eligibility change in Q1 2003 and book savings?



Retiree Health Care Changes—Additional Alternatives

P & L Impact¹ (\$ Millions)

Category	Alternative	2003	2004	Implications
Tactical	Shift cost to retiree	\$ (3) to \$ (38) +	\$ (3) to \$ (42) +	Baseline reduced; no impact on trend.
	— Decrease spousal subsidy	depending upon application.	depending upon application.	
	— Decrease retiree-only subsidy	subsidy		
	— One pre-65 plan with higher cost-sharing			
Reconstruction	— One post-65 plan with drug-only coverage			
	Account-based approach: Fixed amount per year of service (service credit from hire or a later age) in hypothetical account.	Up to \$ (25)	Up to \$ (25)	Baseline reduced; insulated from trend in the future.
	Eliminate coverage for employees under age 45.	\$ (29) plus one-time credit of \$40	\$ (36)	Baseline reduced; insulated from trend in the future.

Example (1) should be part of the net change incorporated

¹ P & L impact reflects only the changes summarized here. Changes on page 3 are additive. P & L impact does not reflect implementation costs of \$100,000 to \$300,000 for each alternative.



Other Benefit Program Changes

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50 competitive
 -> exempt - extra have more on bonus
 -> not for non-exempt - see with
 (but exempt of OPEB costs are of corporate)

40%
 (but exempt of OPEB costs are of corporate)
 50 competitive
 -> exempt - extra have more on bonus
 -> not for non-exempt - see with
 (but exempt of OPEB costs are of corporate)

Impact of doubling contributions for current
 (2017)

OPEB



Current Benefit Program Costs in LRP¹

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Active Medical	7.7%	8.0%	8.4%	9.2%	10.0%	10.8%	11.5%
Cash Profit Sharing	6.1%	5.0%	4.7%	5.6%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%
ARP	2.3%	2.8%	3.7%	6.2%	8.3%	8.6%	9.3%
SRP	4.0%	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
OPEB	4.2%	5.0%	6.1%	6.4%	6.7%	7.0%	7.4%
Total	24.3%	25.4%	27.4%	31.9%	35.2%	36.6%	38.4%

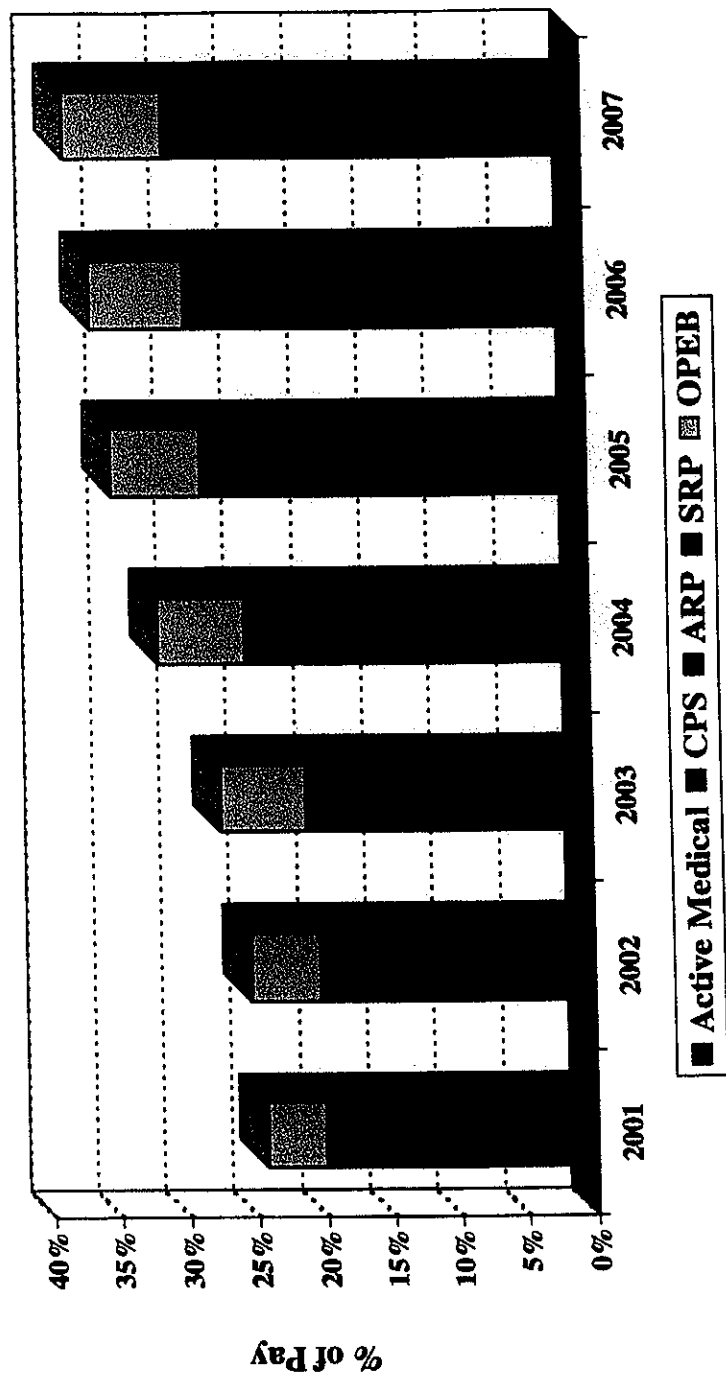
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medical plan or
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medical costs or
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plan or SRP
SRP
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included in the
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to be included in the
SRP and not in the
Total of the
50*

*Added 5%
to 2007
of 5.7%*

¹ Cost as a percentage of pay. Based on December LRP numbers.



Current Benefit Program Costs in LRP



¹ Cost as a percentage of pay. Based on December LRP numbers.

Benefit Program Objectives and Guiding Principles

- We know cost savings are critical. Is there a savings amount we should target?
 - In total or by program?
 - Over what time frame?
 - P & L only or cash too?
- Are there any benefit programs that cannot be touched?
- Are we willing to look at managing total human resource costs instead of just benefits?

Benefit Program Objectives and Guiding Principles

- Based on Abbott's "Retirement Work Team" input
- Joint conference with Hewitt on January 30, 2003
- Will be used to evaluate current retirement programs and potential alternatives

Categories of Objectives and Guiding Principles

- Cost
- Competitive stance
- Structure
- Impact on employees
- Alignment with HR objectives
- Alignment with business objectives

#1: Reduce Benefit Program Costs in the Short- and Long-Term

- Abbott wants to significantly reduce and better control retirement and other benefit costs.
- Long-term costs can be reduced by altering program design for future new hires.
- * • To affect short-term costs, current employees must be impacted.
- All benefit programs are subject to review.
- Make cuts in retirement plans before CPS.

#2: Provide a Competitive Benefit Package

- Abbott wants to provide an overall benefit package that is in the 50th percentile, measured against a strong core of pharmaceutical companies. *→ high-performing group for exec comp → below*
- Some benefit programs will be above and below competitor rankings to achieve the overall ranking. *→ 33rd percentile for pharma*

#3: Include Both a Guaranteed Pension and a Savings Vehicle

- Abbott's retirement design will include both
 - A guaranteed, defined benefit program (funded by the company with no employee investment discretion); and
 - An employee-savings vehicle (with employee investment and autonomy).
- Neither program will be based on company performance?
- However, Abbott's performance will be reflected in cash profit sharing.



#4: Do Not Subsidize Early Retirement

- Currently, Abbott's pension and retiree health benefits encourage early retirement through heavy employer subsidies.
- Future designs will not preclude early retirement but will minimize or eliminate the subsidies.



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#5: Slightly Favor Portability Over Security (???)

- If it is not a cost issue, retirement benefits should be more portable (meaning vested employees can take the value of their benefits with them when they terminated or retire).
- Portability has several advantages
 - Popular with employees;
 - Reduces administration and PBGC premiums; and
 - Eliminates the need for future COLA increases.



#6: Give Employees More Responsibility for Their Retirement

- The company would like to be somewhat less paternalistic and increase employees' involvement in planning for their future.
- To facilitate this, Abbott will provide education, technology, and internet access.
- Employees will assume greater risk for investment results.

#7: Maximize Understanding and Perceived Value

- Abbott's current pension formula is complex and difficult for employees to understand.
- Any new design should be easier for employees to understand and appreciate, which will in turn improve Abbott's ability to attract and retain talent.

#8: Protect Employees Who Are Near Retirement

- An earlier objective cited the need to reduce retirement costs, in both the short- and long-term..
- Transition to the new program should mitigate the impact on older, longer service employees nearing retirement.
- This could involve giving these employees a choice of the current or new design.

#9: Enhance Attraction of New Employees

- Current pension plan is primarily a retention (as opposed to attraction) vehicle.
- The plan provides little value to young, short service employees.
- The new design should provide greater value to new hires, including the “mid-career” talent necessary for the company to achieve business goals.



#10: Reflect Future Recruiting Realities and Demographic Trends

- Future employees will change jobs (and careers) more frequently.
- Women (and some men) will enter and re-enter the workforce periodically to accommodate child-rearing responsibilities.
- Older employees may want to “phase into” retirement.
- Do not discourage post-retirement employment affiliation with Abbott. } → *rewards?*
- Future design should reflect these realities.



#11: Make Decisions for the Long Term. Be Bold!!

- While it is difficult to define “long term” in today’s rapidly changing business environment, retirement changes should serve the company for 8-10 years.
- It is important that Abbott not “chip away” at programs annually, thereby negatively impacting employee relations and perception of the program.



Appendix

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Current Retirement Program—ARP

- Traditional Final Average Pay benefit equal to the greater of
 - $1.10\% \times \text{FAP5} \times \text{service} (\leq 35)$
 - $1.65\% \times \text{FAP5} \times \text{service} (\leq 20) + 1.50\% \times \text{FAP5} \times \text{service} (> 20 \text{ but } \leq 35 \text{ years}) - 0.005\% \times \text{lesser of (covered compensation, FAP3)} \times \text{service} (\leq 35)$
- Subsidized early retirement is available at age 50 with 10 years of service.
 - Greater subsidies are available at age 55 if 94 age + service points would have been reached prior to attaining age 65.
- Terminated vested participants are eligible for early retirement but do not receive subsidized benefits.



Current Retirement Program—ARP

- The value of the subsidy is significant.

% of Age-65 Benefit Payable

Retirement Age	Retiring from ABT ¹	Terminated Vested
50	75%	29%
55	93%	42%
62	100%	75%

¹ Assuming 20 years of service.

- Benefits are paid as an annuity unless the value of the lump sum is \$25,000 or less.
- Participants must pay (through a reduced benefit at retirement) for a spouse to receive a benefit if the participant dies prior to retirement.

Current Retirement Program—SRP

- 401(k) plan with matching contributions.
- Participant contributes 2%; Abbott contributes 5%.
- 86% of employees contribute.
 - Plans changes effective January 1, 2002 appear to have had slight impact on overall participation levels.
- Average contribution rate is 8.7% of pay.
 - 13% of participants contribute 2% of pay.
 - 32% of employees contribute 5% or less.
- 70% of those contributing invest in 3 or fewer stocks/funds.
 - 78% of total fund is invested in Abbott stock.



Current Retirement Program—Medical Coverage

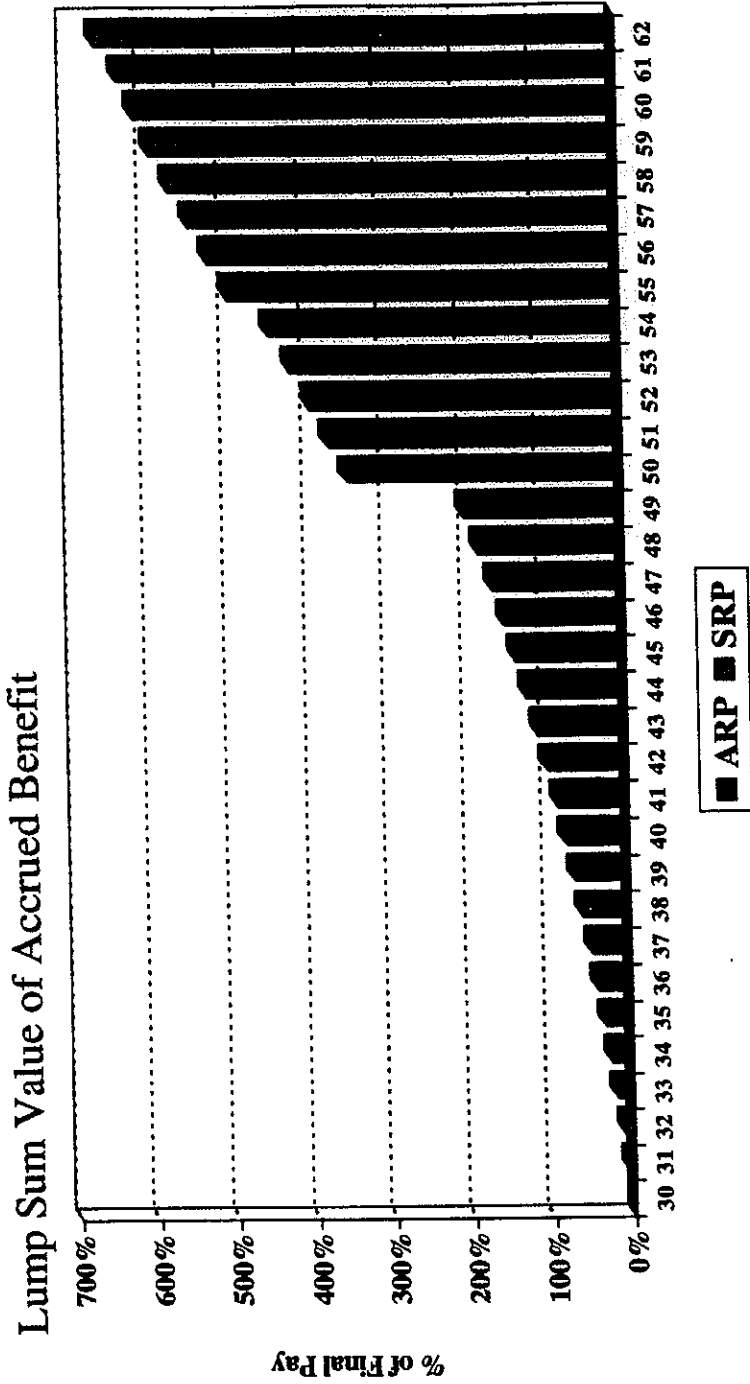
- Available at age 50 with 10 years of service (consistent with pension).
- Employees under age 50 as of December 31, 2002 will pay contributions based upon their current age.

Age	Contribution as % of Total Cost
50-54	30%
55-61	20%
62+	10%

- All current retirees and actives over age 50 will pay the age 62+ rate.



Benefits Provided—Accrual of Benefits

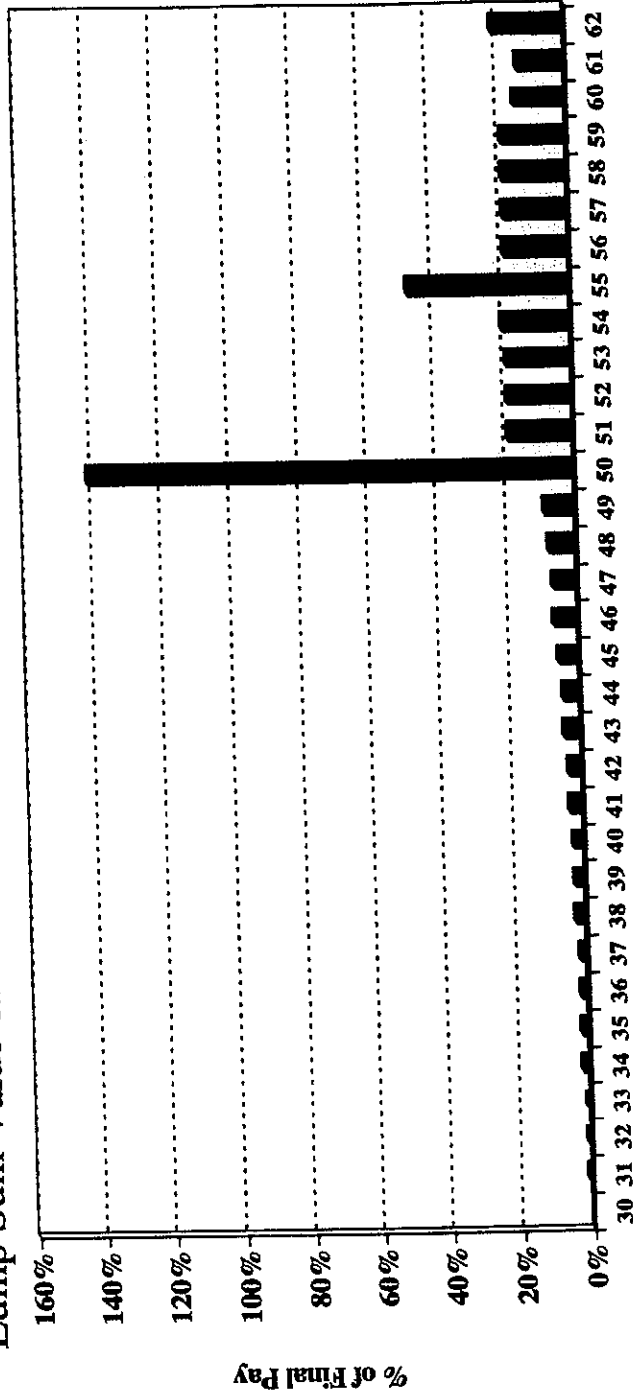


Assumes employee hired at \$50,000 with pay increases of 3% per year and SRP earnings of 7% per year.

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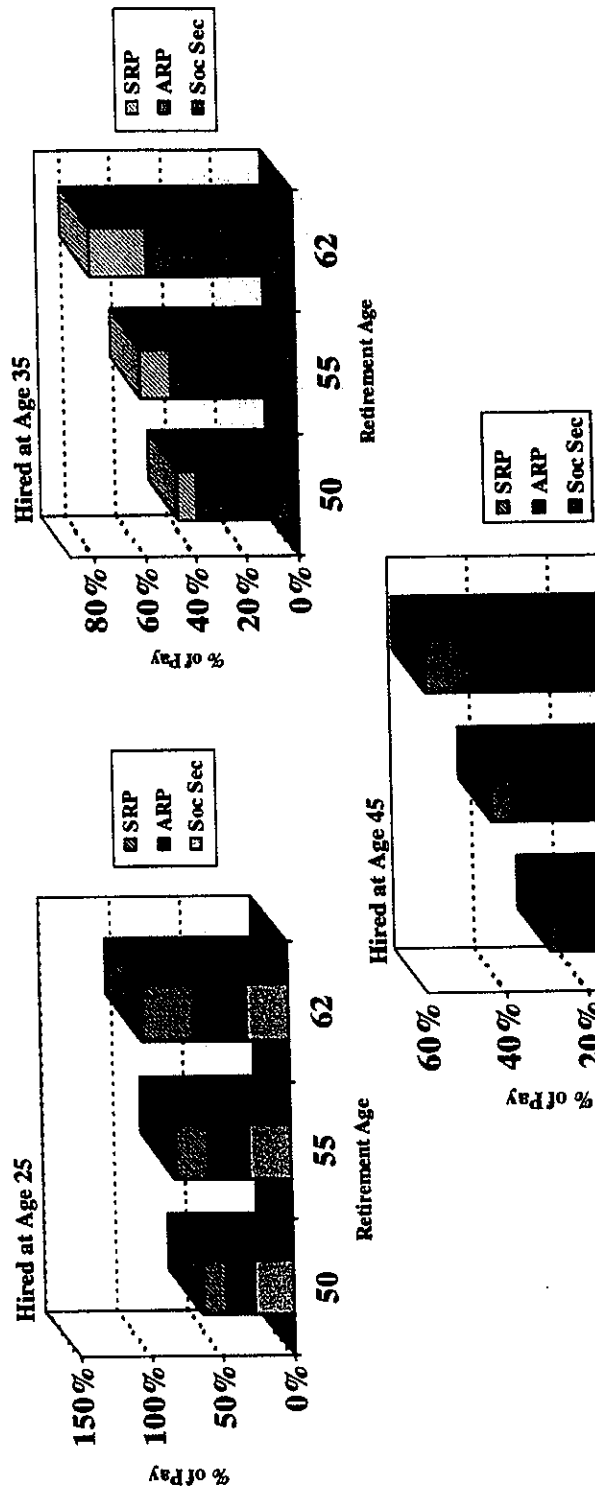
Lump Sum Value of Increase in Accrued Benefit



■ Annual Accrual—ARP Only

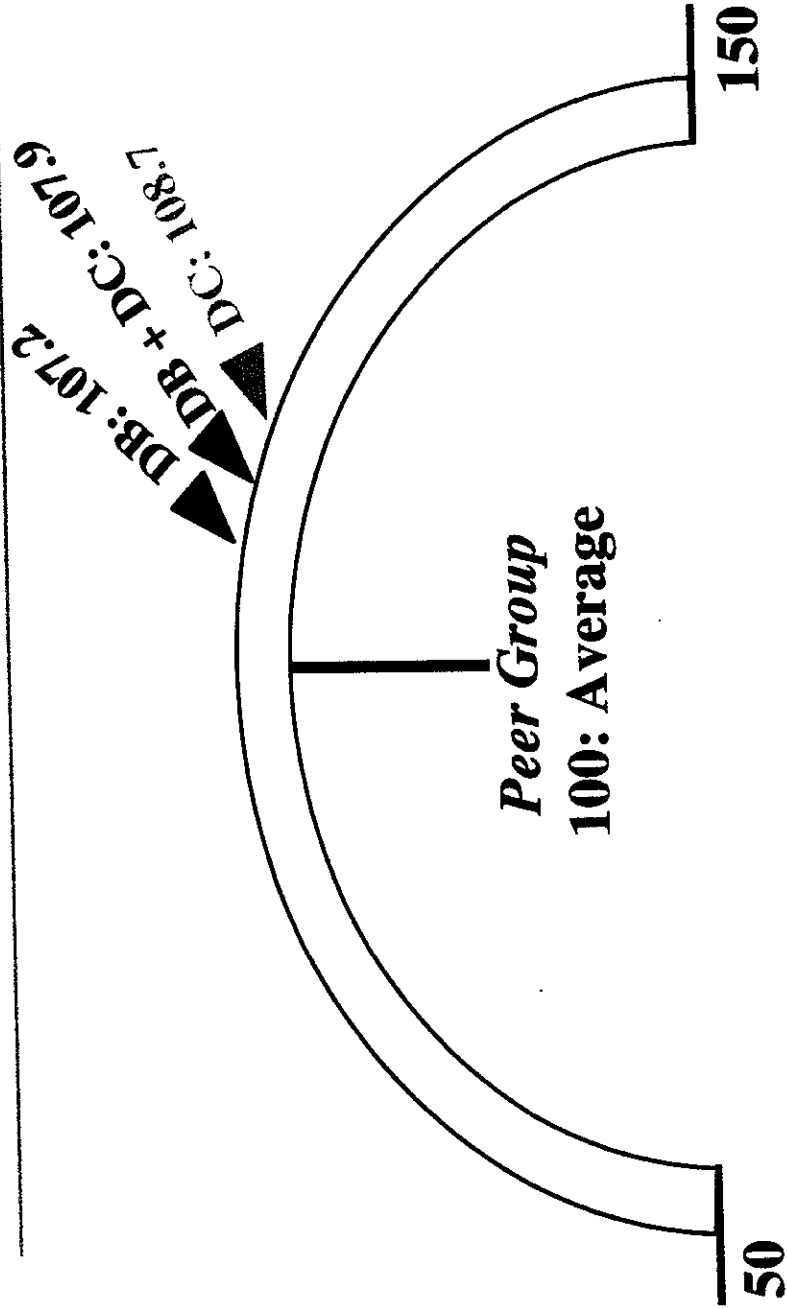


Benefits Provided— Pay Replacement Percentage at Retirement



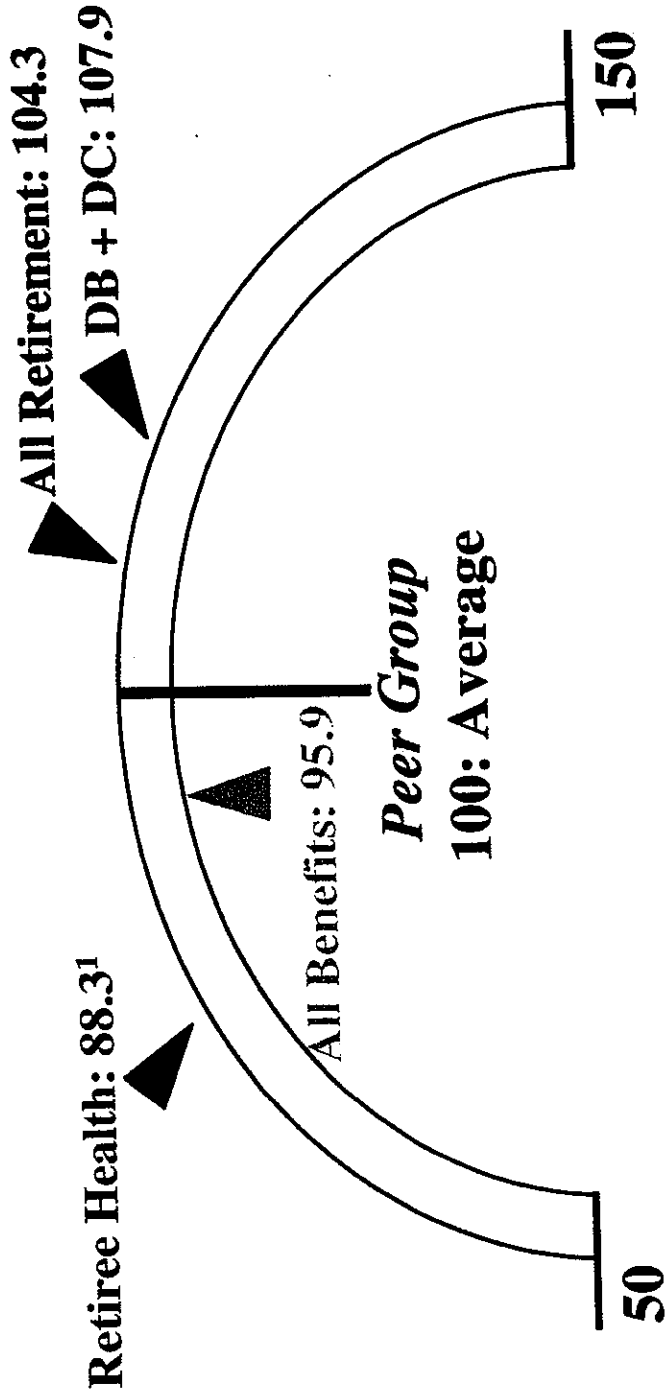
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Competitive Position— Benefit Index® Results for Health Care Group



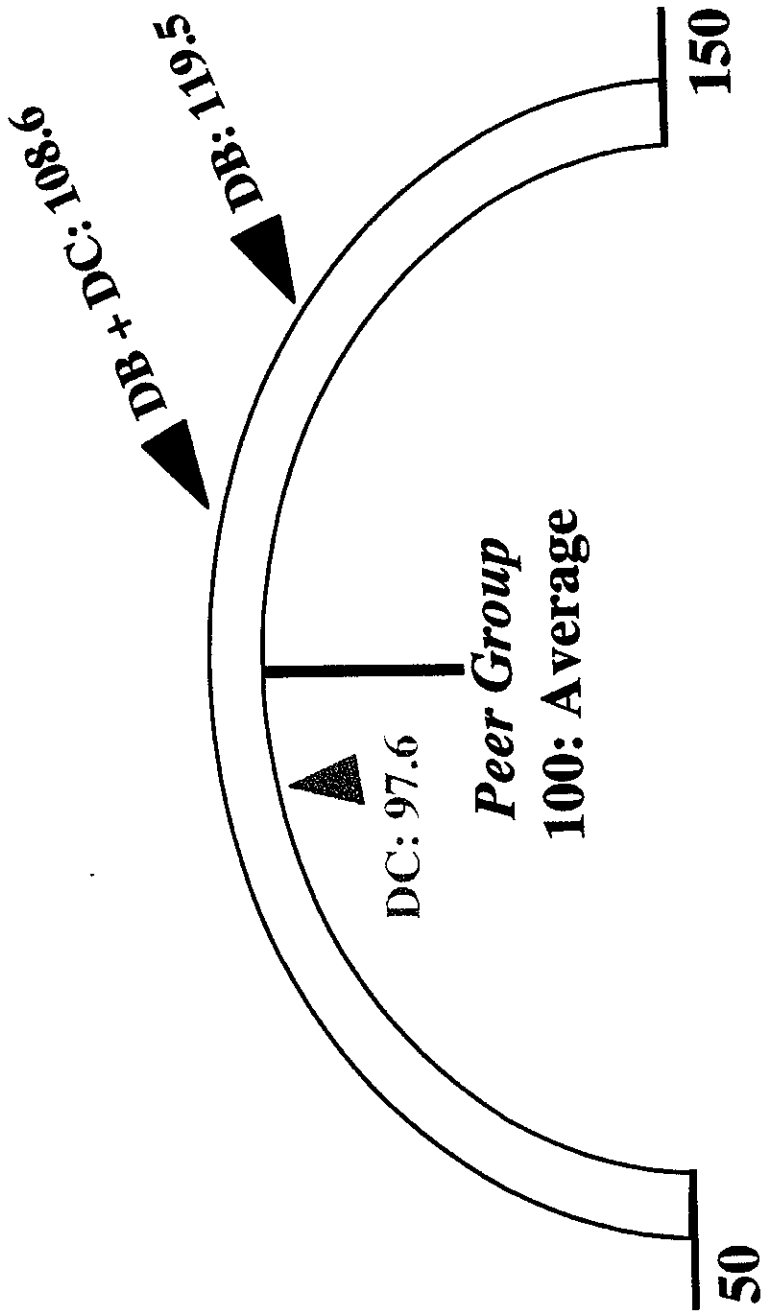


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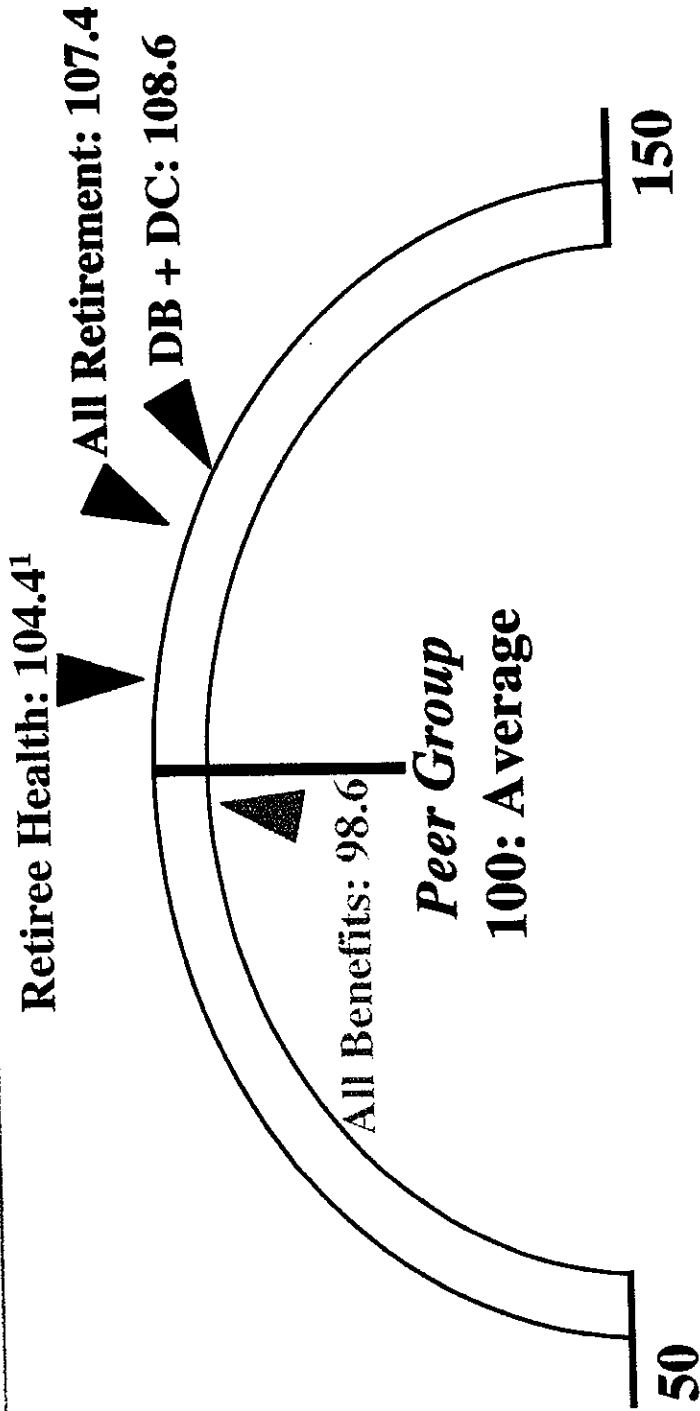


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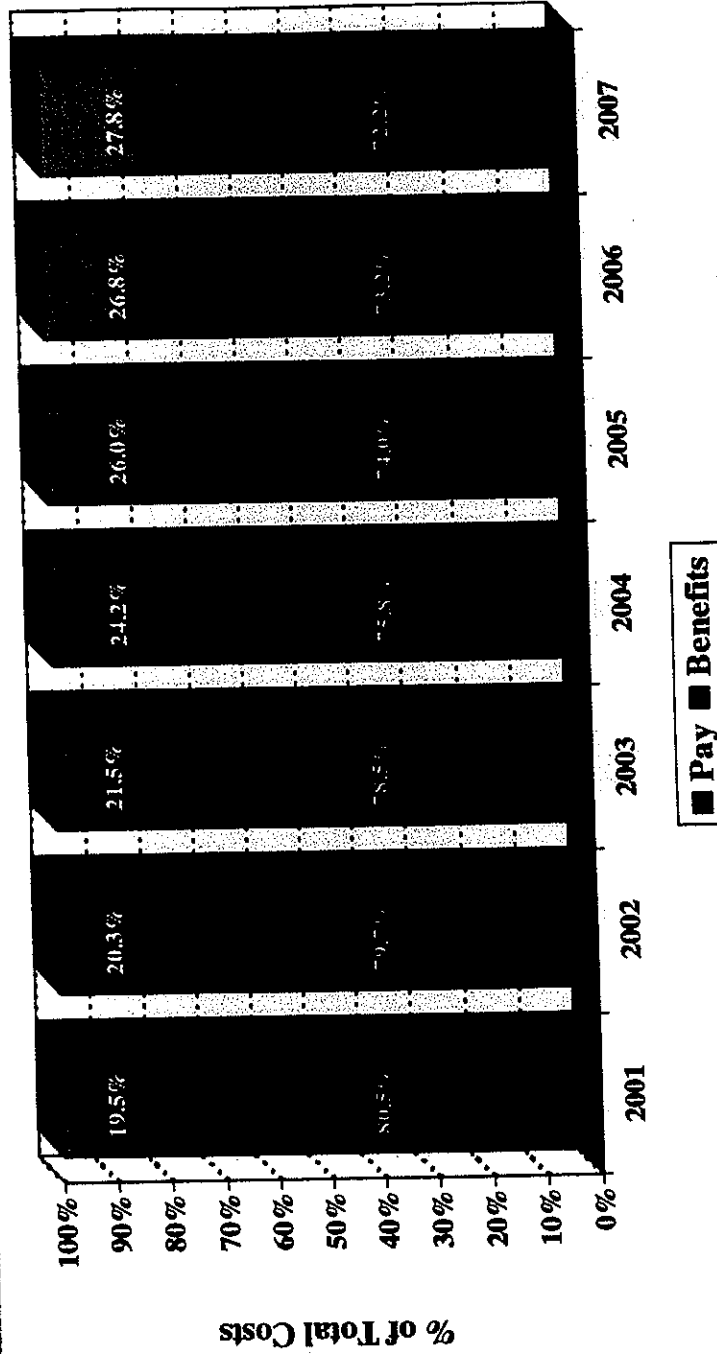


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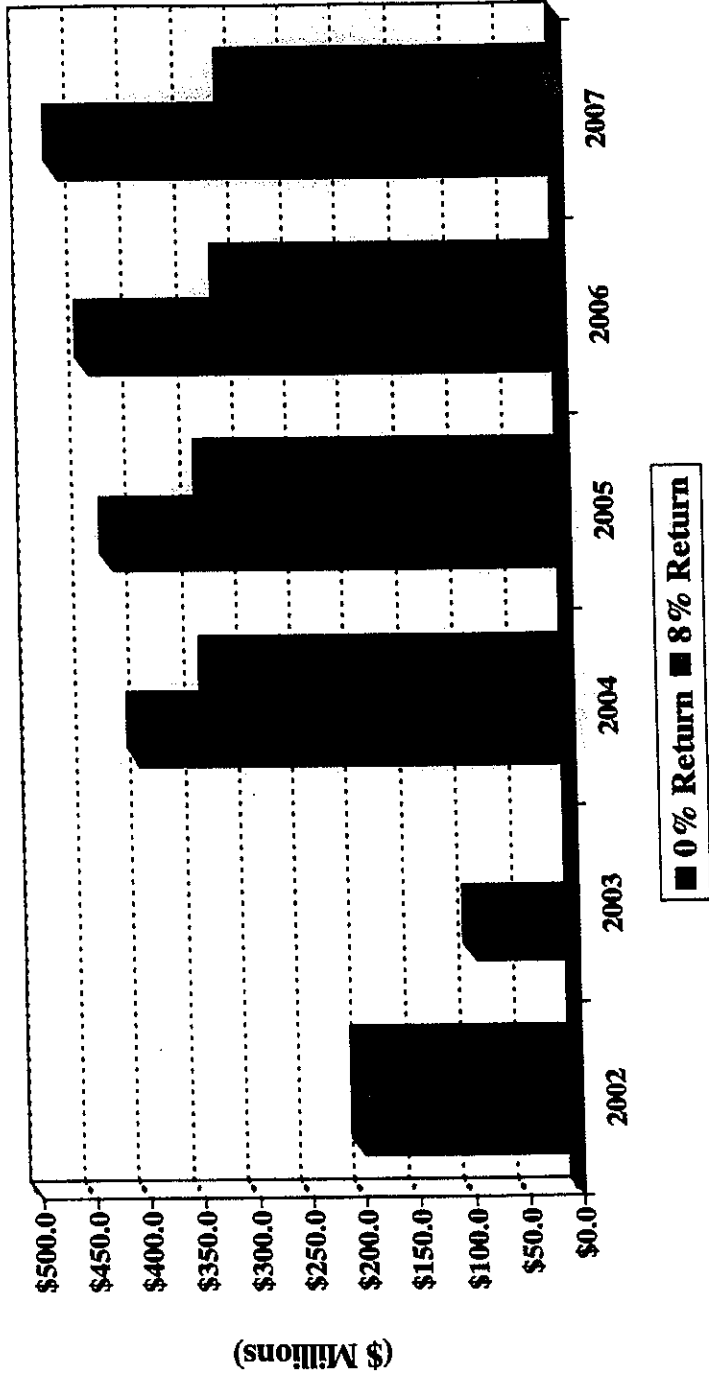
Allocation of Pay and Benefit Program Costs Based on LRP¹



¹ Benefit program costs reflect active and retiree medical, ARP, SRP, and CPS only.



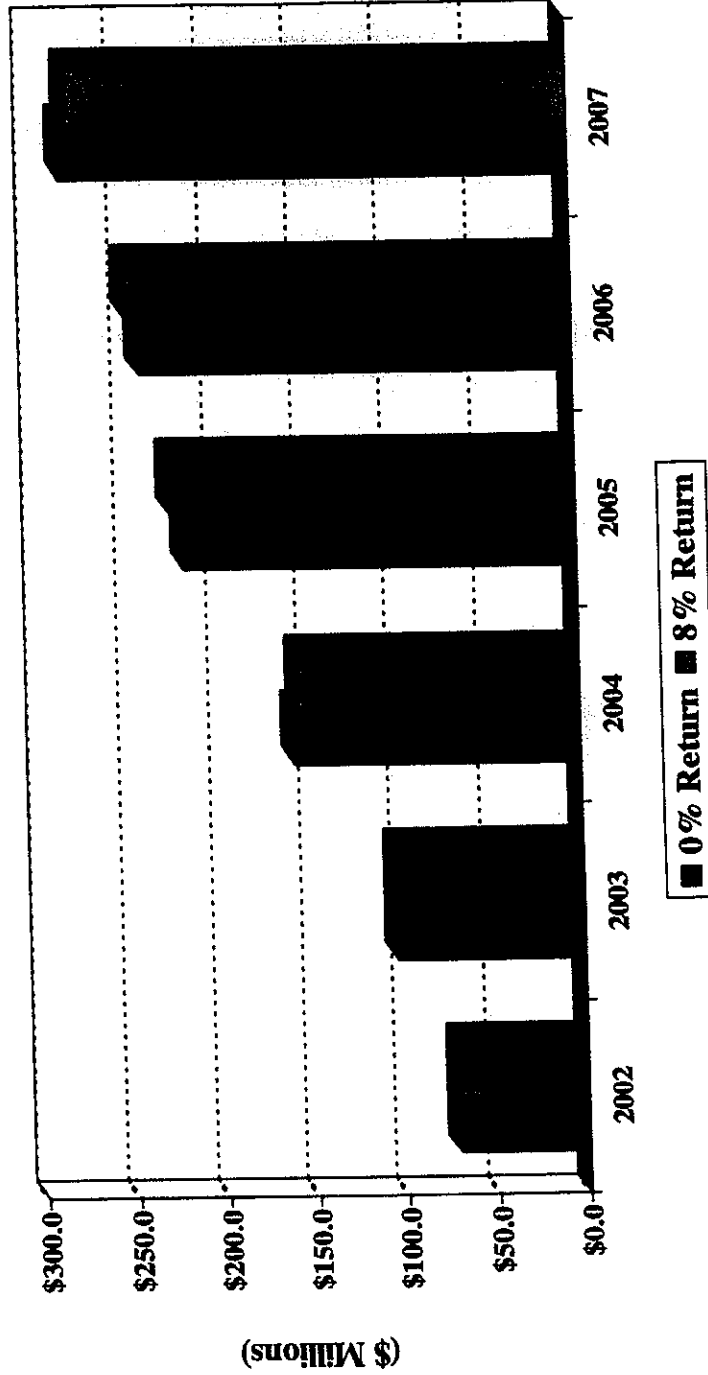
ARP Projected Cash Contributions



Contributions to maintain plan's 90% funded level based on actual 12/31/2002 asset value and a 4.96% treasury rate in all future years. Assumes funding relief remains in effect for all future years.

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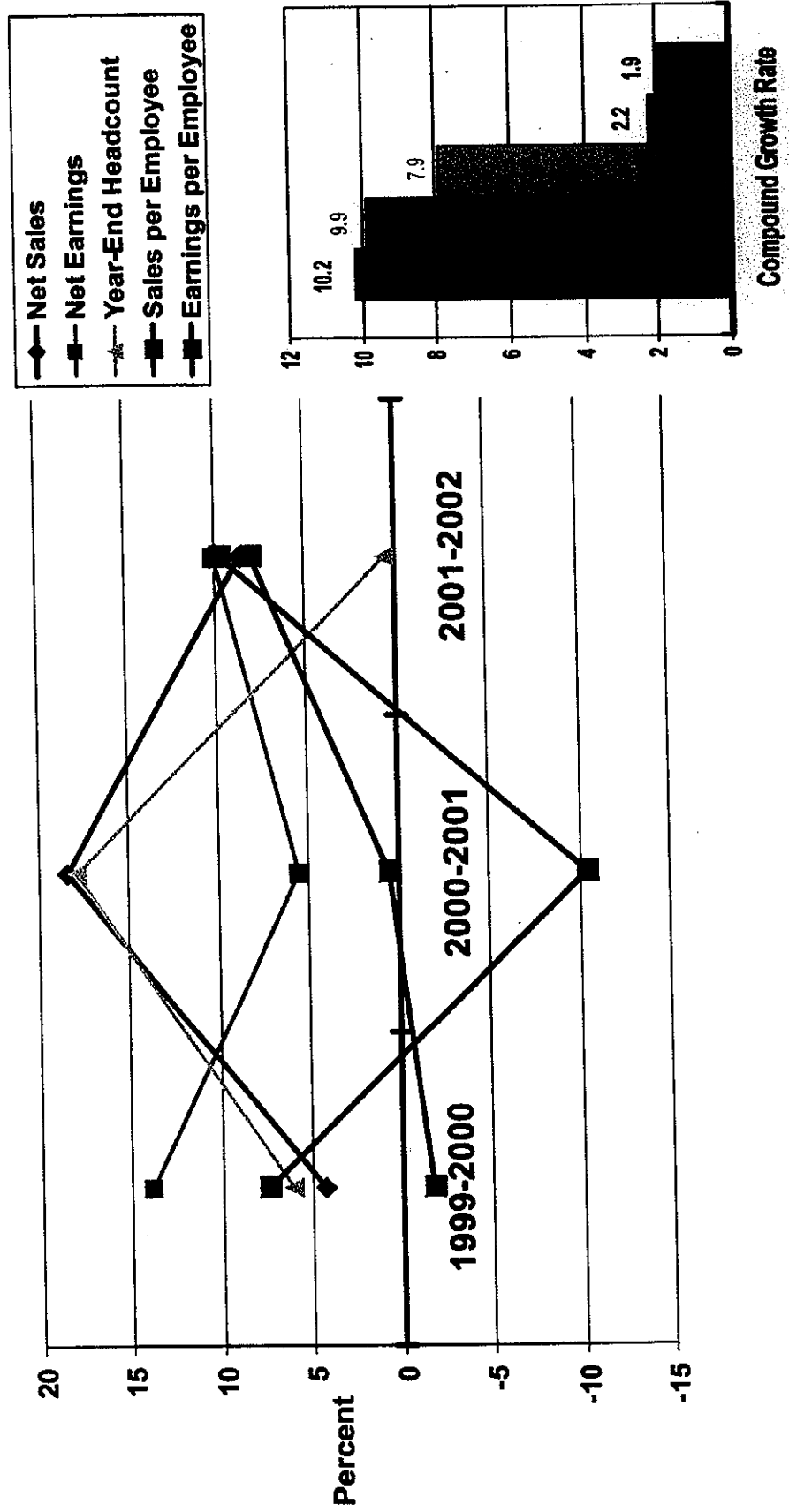
ARP Projected FAS 87 Expense



Based on actual 12/31/2002 asset values, assuming contributions are made to maintain the plan's 90% funded level and a 6.75% discount rate in all future years.

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1999-2002 Productivity Growth Rate



1999-2002 Employee Productivity Measures

	<u>Net Sales(\$MM)</u>	<u>Net Earnings(\$MM)</u>	<u>Year-End Headcount(\$MM)</u>	<u>Sales Per Employee(\$000)</u>	<u>Earnings Per Employee(\$000)</u>
2002	17,685	3243	71,819	246.2	45.2
2001	16,285	2942	71,426	228.0	41.1
2000	13,746	2786	60,571	226.9	46.9
1999	13,178	2446	57,100	226.9	46.9

Compound
Growth
Rate

10.2%

9.9%

7.9%

2.2%

1.9%

Benefit Cost Review - Summary Progress Report

During the December Board meeting, Tom Freyman presented an update regarding pension funding. The essence of the update was that stock market declines and changing employee demographics will result in increases in Abbott's pension costs and funding patterns over the LRP. Given Abbott's strong cost flow and prudent pension fund management, the situation is manageable.

The attached summary provides a snapshot of the plan design and cost management alternatives we are considering to mitigate increasing costs. Since, in aggregate, costs for active and retiree healthcare exceed those attributable to our pension plan, two projections are attached for your reference – one for the pension plan and one for healthcare. Note that the alternatives are summarized in three categories:

- Immediate Savings
- Tactical Reductions - Relatively easy changes with little employee relations or competitive impact.
- Reconstruction - Major changes to plan designs, delivering significantly lower costs, with serious employee and competitive concerns.

Our project plan includes:

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| • Initial retiree medical recommendations | February '03 |
| • Comprehensive benefits proposals | April '03 |
| • Final design and implementation decisions | July '03 |

It is anticipated that certain elements (for example, retiree medical plan changes) will be effective by mid-year, with the remainder in late 2003/early 2004.
